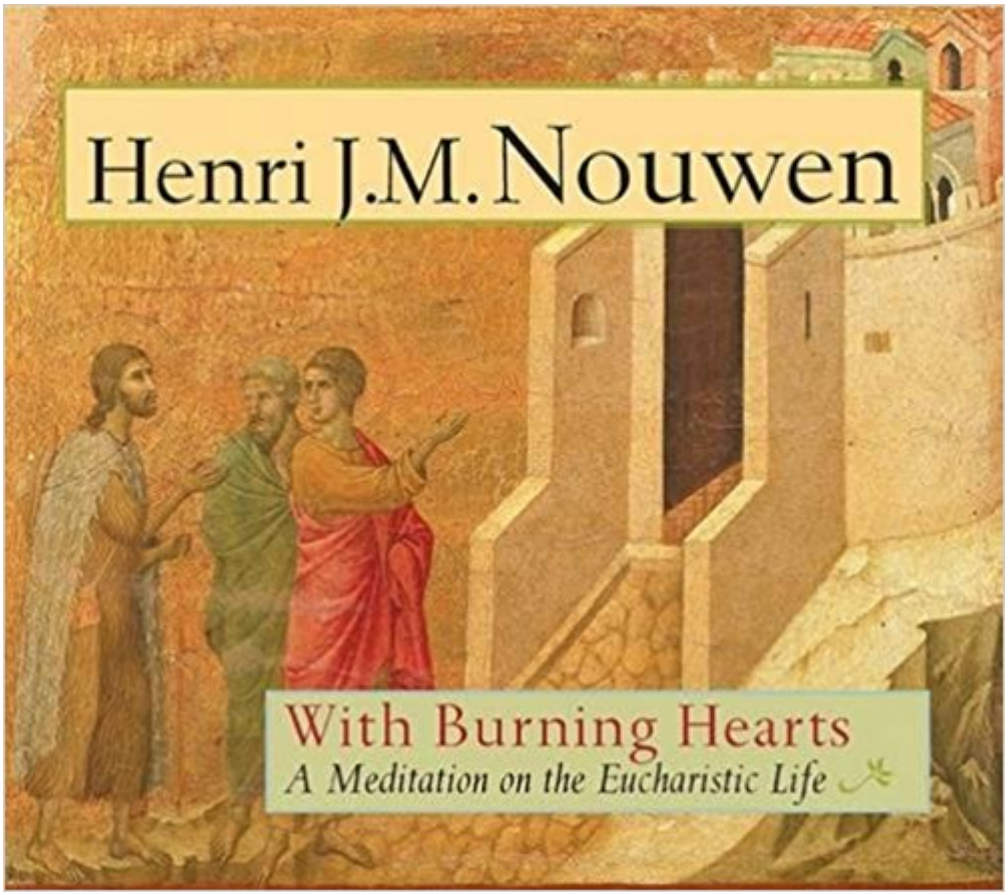
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Synopsis

From mourning to discernment, from invitation to intimacy, and from community to the charge to go forth and witness, this work seeks a fuller understanding of the Eucharist through the story of the disciples on their way to Emmaus and calls us to experience the entire journey, to know that what we celebrate and what we are called to live are one and the same.

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Customer Reviews

Henri J. M. Nouwen is one of the most popular spiritual writers of our time. He wrote more than forty books, among them the bestselling Out of Solitude. He taught at the University of Notre Dame, as well as Yale and Harvard Universities. From 1986 until his death in 1996, he was part of the L Arche Daybreak community in Toronto, where he shared his life with people with mental disabilities.

Henri Nouwen is a master of taking New Testament passages and making them relevant in our daily lives. In this book he writes about the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and their encounter with the risen Jesus. A few years ago when I was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land it was told to me that it is not certain where this event actually occurred. Over time the exact location has become clouded. During my pilgrimage it was suggested to me that I look to place myself in the spirit of a pilgrim and look for the ’Footsteps of Jesus." Exact physical locations are not as important as trying to meditate on the events that occurred and how they are relevant to my present life.Luke tells a story occuring on the evening of Jesus’ resurrection. The two discliples are on a road and

they are discussing that they heard that Jesus has risen from the dead. They are also discussing the other events of the past few days such as Jesus' arrest and execuation. A stranger joins them on the road. The stranger gives them a bible lesson. They do not recognize who he is. At the end of the road they invite the stranger to eat with them. During the dinner when he breaks the bread they recognize him as Jesus. Jesus disappears only to reappear later to the Aposltes and tells them to evanglize."With Burning Hearts" is a short book but it has a powerful message. What impressed me most was the message that we need to invite Jesus into our lives when we receive the Eucharist. Jesus only enters our lives when He is invited. He does not force himself into our lives. The other message is our responsibility to carry the Eucharist out into the world. It is only in inviting Jesus in and our going out that we truly encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

This is a heartfelt devotion to our Lord Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar that really penetrated deeply into my soul. It is a thoughtful and thorough meditation on the Road to Emmaus story after the Resurrection. I liked particularly the deep discussion on Eucharist as thanksgiving for all God bestows on us. It is a quick read, easy to understand, that makes one think and pray.

Beautifully written and illustrated. Like a wonderful meal, this book should be savoured slowly and shared with friends. One again Henri Nouwen breaks open the Gospels, strengthens our Catholic faith, and helps us see beyond our own brokenness. In addition to being a wonderful and contemplative read, the book itself is beautiful and would make an excellent gift.

Whether or not you think something is missing in your life,it is always worth taking the time to read and then contemplate the writings of Henri Nouwen. Written in a clear, concise prose style,the words are simple enough to make you think that you always had come to the same conclusion and then complex enough to make you consider the content for years afterward.

I love that Henri wrote this for himself in the sense that he really wanted to write it for his own reasons and not because somebody else wanted him to write another book. To hear the depth of understanding and appreciation from someone who lived a eucharistic life is priceless. I'm experiencing a new depth of appreciation for the sacrament that is most personal to Jesus. Everyone I show this book to wants a copy. I highly recommend it.

Just got it. Great book!

I read this book once and will read it again slower. It shows a better prospective of what Christ and the Eucharist mean in a person's every day life. I love it.

I love all Henri Nouwen's writing, but this is one of his greatest works. It breaks open the real meaning of Eucharist better than any other work I have read, for the ordinary lay person. The book itself is very high quality with beautiful illustrations. It makes a great gift (I have given away many copies). Put this by your bedside and you will find yourself going back to it again and again.

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